



# WHITEMAN SPIRIT



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## 9-Line Target



**SHACK! Congratulations on an impressive generation exercise ... the 509th knows how to put bombs on target.**

## News in Brief

### Town hall meetings set

Two town hall meetings hosted by Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, begin at noon and 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mission's End. Free on-site childcare is available. For a childcare reservation, call the family support center at 687-7132.

### Basewide garage sale set

A basewide garage sale begins at 8 a.m. Saturday. The garage sale takes place in base housing for members who live on base and in the Whiteman Elementary School parking lot for members who live off base.

### Air show gate, parking info set

During the Wings over Whiteman air show June 14-15, the Arnold and LeMay gates will open at 9 a.m. for non-Department of Defense personnel only. DOD personnel should use the Spirit Gate, which will be operating under normal hours. Parking for DOD personnel will be available at the 509th Headquarters Building, the 509th Operations Support Squadron and the parking lot east of the base car wash. People who live on base are encouraged to walk to the air show whenever possible.

### Base paper highlights air show

The June 13 issue of the *Whiteman Spirit* will be dedicated to the Wings over Whiteman air show.

The *Whiteman Spirit* will return to its normal format for the June 20 issue. Information for the *Whiteman Spirit* must be submitted by noon June 13 to [whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil) for the June 20 issue.

### Deadline for classified ads changes

The new deadline for submitting a space-available classified ad to the *Whiteman Spirit* is 10 a.m. on the Friday one week before publication.

## Weather

### Saturday

Partly cloudy



H 79 °

L 57 °

### Sunday

Mostly cloudy



H 73 °

L 55 °

For more complete weather information, visit <https://www.whiteman.af.mil/509oss/osw/index.htm>. Courtesy of 509th OSS/OSW



Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nixon

## Generating the best

Airman 1st Class German Romero, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Gold Flight crew chief, places safety covers on the forward nose landing gear door of the B-2 *Spirit of Louisiana* after the aircraft taxied to its parking spot for the generation exercise Thursday. The 509th Bomb Wing generated 12 B-2s, four of which taxied and flew for the exercise.

# Gen. Hornburg praises war effort by ACC team

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) — I share General Jumper's appreciation of your incredible effort in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I am extremely proud of every member of the Air Combat Command team. Your dedication and selfless service have instilled trust, confidence and hope for millions of peace-loving people around the world. You are a powerful force for freedom, and I am honored to serve as your commander.

As many of our people return home from Iraq, the war on terror still continues. Many American forces and coalition partners are still actively involved in combat operations around the world. We must continue to support them and recognize their selfless efforts in this global fight.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to ACC families. They are our most vital source of support for our warfighters, and deserve to be recognized for their dedication and sacrifice. Thanks for all you do and may God bless you and your families.



Courtesy Photo

**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM** — Second Lt. Jason Gross, 509th Communications Squadron, has first lieutenant pinned on by Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, Joint Task Force commanding general, at a deployed location. Gross works as a staff officer in the J6-Future Plans section at his deployed location. While deployed, Gross is responsible for planning communications infrastructure and support for all new buildings at the base.

# Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg  
509th Bomb Wing Commander

**GENEX KUDOS.** Thanks to everyone for the dedicated work during last week's Generation Exercise. As usual, the 509th shacked the target! I know we all learned some valuable lessons — now is the time to capture them! Keep it up; we are ready for any mission the President might give us!

**KEEP THINKING READINESS.** More than 300 of our teammates are still deployed, but the good news is that each week brings more homecomings. Our wing made a tremendous effort with the surge of deployed personnel earlier this year, but that doesn't mean we can relax. Personal readiness is a constant requirement. The Air Force plans to get the AEF schedule back on track with the AEF Blue and AEF Silver cycles, but those cycles aren't tied to your normal AEF number. Bottom line: you need to be ready to go NOW, even if your normal rotation isn't until next year. I will host a town hall meeting Tuesday at noon and 7 p.m. at Mission's End to discuss deployment issues — see you there! Keep checking the *Whiteman*



*Spirit* each week for tips to maintain your mission readiness.

**FLOAT YOUR BOAT.** The annual Build a Boat competition is at 6 p.m. tonight at Skelton Park. This is always a fun event and a good way to wind down a hard charging week. Thanks to the 509th Services Squadron for continuing to provide great ways for us to enjoy our down time!

**GET READY TO SHOW YOUR SPIRIT.** Our airshow is shaping up to be the best in base history. It's been almost three years since we had a chance to invite our friends and neighbors to visit our base and thank them for their constant support. We, the 509th Bomb Wing and 442nd Fighter Wing, are planning a great time for all June 14 and 15. We can use everyone's help. Is your work area "ready for inspection?" Are there things you need to do this week to make sure it is? Let's ensure our base reflects the great teams who live and work here!

**SAFETY — THINK AHEAD.** I can't stress enough how important it is to include safety in everything you do, on and off duty. Our mission leaves little room for error, and so do many off-duty activities. Every summer the military loses good men and women to vehicle mishaps and boating or swimming accidents. Many of these are alcohol-related. Bottom line: every safety mishap affects our mission!

**FAMILY DAY.** One more reminder: the Monday after the air show will be a Whiteman Family Day. Plan now to make the most of it — safely.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Nabor

Airman 1st Class Richard Ammon and Senior Airman Dametrius Jackson, 509th Communications Squadron, straighten radio frequency cable to hook up a whip antenna system. The antenna system is used by the Bomber Survivability and Recovery Team.

## It's all about the mission ...

By Lt. Col. Dennis Shumaker  
509th Maintenance Group Acting Commander

I had the pleasure of attending the Air Combat Command Maintenance Group Commanders Conference a few weeks ago, and a discussion I heard there made me think. A few people talked about the direction leadership was going and how what was being proposed would drive change and they didn't like it.

Then Brig. Gen. Michael Collings, ACC director of maintenance and logistics, stopped the discussion and reminded us it was not about leadership, our position, our organization or power. It was about the mission and how best to accomplish it.

Later that evening I thought about what the general said and how it can be used at all levels.

I attended the ACC Squadron Commanders Course a few years ago. The guest speaker was a vice president for the Chrysler Corporation before its bankruptcy in the late 70's and early 80's. He talked about change and how if a person or organization doesn't embrace it, they are on a road destined for failure. He talked about the lack of change and how his employees had lost the sight picture on the needs and

demands of the customer.

In our case, it might be a little different: we should constantly look for better ways to execute the mission. Once again, better ways will drive change. We might have to make a change to deal with manpower and funding issues. We may make a major modification to a weapons system to adapt to a new threat.

So, how do you embrace change? How do you embrace new ideas and thoughts? I think proposed ideas require spirited discussion and testing, but when the time comes to make a decision, how do you make it? Do you embrace it or become defensive to protect territory, positions and power. If you do the latter, I suggest you change your sight picture.

Another issue is stability. Some people will argue that stability is necessary and will try to halt change. An organization that uses that as an argument is less stable than one that embraces change.

Do you think it's better to be one step ahead than behind? The answer is simple: change your organization from within before your environment forces you to change, creating instability. Successful organizations embrace change to ensure stability.

The bottom line is the mission and how



Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nixon

Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, discusses B-2 maintenance with Lt. Col. Dennis Shumaker, 509th Maintenance Group acting commander, as 509th MXG members look on. Carlson visited here in March.

to best to accomplish it.

People have great ideas and have proposed changes to processes at all levels. Listen to them with an open mind and

don't put up the automatic defense shield even if it means a change to your entire organization. Remember, it's about the best way to execute the mission.

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# Integrity first: Reflections on safety

**Lt. Col. Thomas Bussiere**  
509th Bomb Wing Chief of Safety

Recently, Whiteman has experienced several safety incidents where members of our team decided to drive under the influence of alcohol or disregard a lawful order and ride a motorcycle without the proper license or training. The individuals involved in these incidents were both experienced NCOs and young airmen. So far we have been extremely lucky. No military members or innocent civilians have been killed.

As we reflect on these events, let us not forget how we felt the evening of April 27th. On that night we learned of the loss of a member of our team to the hands of a driver under the influence of alcohol and drugs. As we struggle with how to convince our people this behavior is unacceptable, let's reflect for a moment on the Air Force's first core value: integrity.

Integrity is the foundation of leadership; it's the key to building a safe organization. Integrity is important because of the nature of our profession: the profession of arms. Integrity requires self-discipline. In uncertain and difficult situations, integrity is the compass that will consistently guide our airmen - on and off duty - along a path committed to appropriate behavior. Integrity creates trust. It's the one character trait that can't be compromised.

Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do are much more than

minimum standards. They remind us what it takes to get the mission done and they inspire us to always do our very best on and off duty.

As military members, we're held to the highest standards. We're expected to be mature, productive members of society, to make sound decisions and live by our core values — regardless of our age or rank. We rely on each other to build and sustain Team Whiteman as the Air Force's most respected and feared combat force. When a member of our team is arrested for DUI, it's a significant hardship on the unit and has a dramatic impact on our mission.

Our conduct then, fulfilling our responsibilities and displaying professionalism at all times, is integrally connected to the success of our mission and should remain above reproach. We can tolerate mistakes and even learn valuable lessons from them as long as we always conduct ourselves professionally. Our mission necessitates more restrictive rules and standards.

From our most senior NCO or officer to our newest airman upon completion of the First-Term Airman's Center, we're obligated to conduct ourselves at all times so as to bring credit upon the Air Force, to fulfill our responsibilities and display professionalism, and to set the example for others to follow. Misconduct and criminal acts are intolerable for military members and counterproductive to accom-

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Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Senior Airman Howell Heron and Staff Sgt. Kevin Greensage proudly display the 509th Services Squadron's Gold Certificate for the 509th Bomb Wing's Driving Under the Influence recognition program. The gold certificate signifies the squadron has been DUI-free for more than 24 months.

## Wing announces newest promotees

Eighty-four people added stripes to their uniform during the 509th Bomb Wing Promotion ceremony May 31 at Mission's End. They are:

**Airmen Justina Andry**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and **Chrisma Lopes**, 509th Communications Squadron

**Airmen 1st Class Chad Atchley**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, **Rachel Bernet**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, **Kevin Coughlin**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Lindsey Harris**, 509th SFS, **Shannon Hendershot**, 509th LRS, **Chad Jones**, 509th CES, **Monica Rivers**, 509th CES, **Joshua Romanski**, 509th CES, **Damon Sampson**, 509th CES, **Daniel Valencia**, 509th CES, **Timothy Vansant**, 509th Contracting Squadron, **Benjamin Viets**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and **Travis Wright**, 509th CONS.

**Senior Airmen Dwayne Blake**, 509th AMXS, **William Brennan**, 509th AMXS, **Adrian Bridgewater**, 509th LRS, **Misty Brown**, 509th SFS, **Summer Conner**, 509th MDOS, **Jacob Deppe**, 509th CES, **Gabriel Deverney**, 509th MXS, **Lewis Ensor**, 509th CES, **Brandon Geeslin**, 509th SFS, **Janet Gross**, 509th Mission Support Squadron, **James Guidry**, 509th SFS, **Michael Henderson**, 509th SFS, **Lacey Hill**, 509th MXS, **Samantha Lamar**, 509th SFS, **Angie Long**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, **Germain**



Photo by Sra Tia Schroeder

Chief Master Sgt. Terrance Douglas recites the NCO pledge with newly promoted staff sergeants at the May 31 wing promotion ceremony.

**Murdoch**, 509th SFS, **Robert Pedrick**, 509th SFS, **Jon Powell**, 509th Communications Squadron, **Daniel Ray**, 509th CS, **James Richey**, 509th SFS, **Philip Rogers**, 509th MXS, **Carl Romero**, 509th AMXS, **Marco Sanchez**, 509th SFS, **Jason Serpa**, 393rd Bomb Squadron, **Krystal Sewell**,

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**Melissa Wrona**, 325th BS.

**Staff Sgts. Thomas Adams**, 509th AMXS, **Fabrice Bazilme**, 509th OSS, **Cory Clark**, 509th CES, **Brian Deweerd**, 509th AMXS, **Caleb Dick**, 509th CS, **Joshua Ferriell**, 509th SFS, **Erika Grant**, 509th Maintenance Group, **Donald Green**, 509th MXS, **Seth Hardy**, 509th AMXS, **Michael Hensley**, 509th SFS, **Charles Hosch**, 509th MXS, **Dennis Lacoste**, 509th LRS, **Adam McAliley**, 509th AMXS, **Brian Mosley**, 509th CS, **Michael Passmore**, 509th LRS, **Jeffery Schroeder**, 509th MXS, and **Matthew Youkey**, 509th AMXS.

**Tech. Sgts. Latonya Charles**, 325th BS, **Gearold Crouse**, 509th CES, **Travis DeShong**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Christopher Edsall**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, **David Hall**, 509th SFS, **Todd Hults**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, **Christopher Littrell**, 509th AMXS, **James Moody**, 509th MXS, **Eric Orndoff**, 509th LRS, **Patrick Robinson**, 509th AMXS, and **Daniel Verscha**, 509th LRS.

**Master Sgts. Andrew Anstett**, 509th SFS, **Brian McCandless**, 509th LRS, **Augustus Schliffke**, 509th AMXS, and **Donald Watkins**, 509th CS.

**Senior Master Sgt. Scott Savage**, 509th MXS.

**Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hale**, 509th MXS.

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Countdown  
8 days

<http://www.whiteman.af.mil/airshow>

### Sortie board

#### Monthly

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	530.0	716.0	392.7
Flown	604.5	50.4	428.5

#### Fiscal year

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	6350.0	5295.0	4,200.0
Flown	5229.6	3553.7	2728.1

Information is current as of Wednesday.



# Integrity,

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plishing our mission.

The blood alcohol level of the six individuals arrested for DUI — .239, .148, .093, .020, .214 and .271 - drives home the point of how fortunate we are there were no fatalities. Driving under the influence, failure to obey a lawful order, dereliction of duty, underage drinking, and public intoxication have no place in our way of life and must be dealt with appropriately.

Let us never forget the impact driving under the influence of alcohol has on our military team and society. We all have friends who grew up without their father, mother or sibling because of the actions of a drunk driver. We all understand the hardship associated with losing a valuable member of our team. Let us all reflect on our most recent events and grow even more determined to stop this trend and keep on taking care of each other.

We must also continue to emphasize the positive and remain focused on the mission and the people who accomplish it. Despite our recent safety incidents, Team Whiteman is full of warriors who exhibit integrity in their actions and control over their lives. It is, however, the responsibility of each member of Team Whiteman to set the standard by which subordinates, peers and superiors can emulate. If we use integrity as our compass, together we'll get the mission done safely.

## Rack 'em up

**Staff Sgt. Aaron Geer, 509th Munitions Squadron, assembles a BRU-44 Joint Direct Attack Munitions rack. Bombs are attached to the BRU-44 JDAM rack on the rotary bomb launcher system used in the B-2. Equipped with BRU-44 racks, a single B-2 can carry up to 16 2,000 pound JDAMs and release the near-precision bombs to detonate within 10 feet of a predesignated target from high altitude.**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin



Photo by Senior Airman Tia Schroeder

**Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Congressman Ike Skelton, Missouri's 4th District, and Rear Admiral Christopher Weaver, 83rd commandant of the Naval District of Washington, talk next to the Whiteman Air Force Base anchor display in front of the Navy Littoral Surveillance System building. Skelton and Weaver were featured speakers at the base community council luncheon May 29.**

## Missouri natives attend monthly BCC luncheon

**By Becky Borghardt**

Public Affairs

Two Missouri natives attended the monthly base community council luncheon May 29. Rear Admiral Christopher Weaver, the commandant of the Naval District of Washington, is originally from Harrisonville, Mo., and Congressman Ike Skelton, of Missouri's 4th District, grew up in Lexington, Mo. Weaver served as the keynote speaker at the luncheon.

Windsor was the featured community and more than 150 people from the surrounding communities attended. Maj. Tim Dennison, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander, is the liaison for Windsor.

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, pointed out that the Navy protected the B-2 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. "Having Admiral Weaver here today is my small way of saying thank you," Raaberg said.

Weaver is the 83rd commandant of the Naval District of Washington, the oldest continuously operated Navy installation in the nation.

He began his speech by explaining how great it was to be back in Missouri.

"By seeing everyone here, it proves the local communities are very proud of the heartland of our country," he said.

He said the current emphasis of the military is transformation.

"We should continually make what we have better. Technology has made that possible. The war fighting capabilities have obviously been increasingly better at Whiteman through the B-2. We have learned from Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Weaver.

There are tremendous young airmen doing amazing things at Whiteman, said Weaver. "I spoke with a young airman that was maintaining a B-2 and I asked how long his training took. He simply said, '18 weeks.' I was shocked because I couldn't learn that in 18 years," he said.

Weaver praised community members for their tremendous influence on today's youth. "From coaching little league to being a mentor, community members sculpt young airmen. You make a difference. Strong communities result in a strong relationship with the military.

"This is a first-class installation! The leadership and community involvement make Whiteman a great place," the admiral said.

Weaver closed by saying that it's chicken soup for his soul to be back.

"This is God's country and I'm always happy to come back to Missouri."

The next BCC event begins at 6:30 p.m. June 26 at Mission's End. Warrensburg will be the featured community and will be hosted by Lt. Col. Gavin Ketchen, 393rd Bomb Squadron commander. The guest speaker will be Col. Pamela Melroy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronaut. For a reservation, call public affairs by noon June 23 at 687-6151.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

### For the birds

Senior Airmen Tim Bayes and Steve Chriswell, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron structures flight, use tinsnips to form a birdguard out of a piece of sheet metal. The birdguard is being installed under the awning of Bldg. 509 to prevent birds from nesting and to make maintaining the exterior appearance of the building easier.

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## Whiteman Spirit Award



### Tech. Sgt. Christopher Littrell

509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Littrell, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander. Martha Dillenschneider, Osage Trail Middle School's Career Day coordinator, nominated Littrell for the award.

Littrell volunteered to be a speaker for Osage Middle School's career day. In 2002, more than 100 students attended his career day speech and more than 150 attended in 2003.

Littrell spent a full day with eighth grade students who are interested in careers in the military. During the sessions, he shared information about careers in the Air Force and then answered the student's questions. Faculty members who listened to Littrell speak about his job as a B-2 weapons load crew team chief said he spoke with pride and dedication.

"Littrell is a spirited public speaker and a positive role model," Dillenschneider said. "I'm sure he had a great influence on the students."

### Personally speaking

**Duty title:** B-2 weapons load crew team chief

**Time on station:** 1 year and 6 months

**Time in service:** 9 years and 6 months

**Hometown:** Higbee, Mo.

**Goals:** To be a successful husband, father and make chief master sergeant.

**Hobbies:** Muscle cars, religious philosophy and hiking.

**Pet Peeves:** People who don't know how to have a good time.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** The privilege of loading the world's most technologically advanced bomber, the B-2.

**What motivates your winning spirit?** The exceptional job satisfaction due to the outstanding people I get to work with on a daily basis.

**If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be?** Build an indoor swimming pool.

### Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed with the superior customer service provided by the nominee. If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail [whiteman.spirit@Whiteman.af.mil](mailto:whiteman.spirit@Whiteman.af.mil).



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Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

## Keepin' it on the down 'LO'

Airman 1st Class Joe Roberts, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, packs up after performing low-observable maintenance on the *Spirit of Arizona*. The LO material helps give the B-2 its stealth capabilities and contributed to the B-2s nearly 600 successful strikes during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



... on recent NCO Professional Development Course graduates **Staff Sgts. Edward Dixon** and **Melinda Ulm**, 509th Mission Support Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Brian Hill**, 509th Bomb Wing; **Staff Sgt. Allen Youngdahl**, 509th Munitions Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Corie McClure**, 509th Medical Group; **Tech. Sgt. Kevin Mattingly**, and **Staff Sgts. Trenton Fielder** and

**Michael Sewell**, 509th Operations Support Squadron; **Staff Sgts. Timothy Maher** and **Jason Meyer**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Staff Sgts. Ronald Anderson** and **Dione Odom**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Michelle McCann**, 509th Services Squadron; and **Staff Sgt. Michael Pierce**, 509th Maintenance Squadron.



# Honoring those who have fallen



Airman 1st Class David Mendez-Priego, 509th Medical Support Squadron, makes the final fold on the American flag. Mendez-Priego then will give the flag to the team leader, who will present it to the family of the deceased veteran. The flag is in the shape of a cocked hat to pay tribute to the soldiers who served under Gen. George Washington, and the sailors and Marines who served under Capt. John Paul Jones.



Airmen 1st Class Keval Smith, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Narcisa Boddie, 509th Operations Support Squadron, demonstrate the firing position during the 21-gun salute.



Staff Sgt. Brandon Roggow, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, inspects the uniform of Airman 1st Class Craig Coppenbarger, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. Outstanding military dress and appearance are mandatory for honor guard members, who represent the Air Force.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

Airman 1st Class Craig Coppenbarger, Senior Airman Chris Davis and Airman 1st Class Curtis Dorn, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, march after firing the 21-gun salute. The salute was part of a funeral honoring Daniel Cassidy, a retired technical sergeant, May 30 in Higginsville, Mo. Cassidy recently passed away. The Whiteman honor guard covers all military funerals in Missouri except for a small portion of St. Louis and approximately one-third of Kansas; extending as far as Manhattan, Kan. The honor guard has traveled as far as Poplar Bluff, Mo., which is 365 miles away.



Airman 1st Class Mario Salaiz, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, plays "Taps" on a bugle. Currently, there are 48 Whiteman volunteers who serve as honor guard members.



Airman 1st Class James Edmonds, 509th Medical Support Squadron, Senior Airman Michael Salinas, 509th Communications Squadron, Airman 1st Class David Mendez, 509th MDOS, Keval Smith, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Jason Aldeguer, 509th Operations Support Squadron, carry a casket to a van for transport. The honor guard provides full military honors for active duty, retiree and veteran funerals for those who have served in the Air Force and Army-Air Corps. It also posts colors at change-of-command ceremonies, retirements, parades, professional sports events and does a special ceremony at military weddings.



Airmen 1st Class Keval Smith, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Narcisa Boddie, 509th Operations Support Squadron, David Mendez-Priego, 509th Medical Support Squadron, and Mario Salaiz, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, stand in formation before a 21-gun salute drill.

## Buildin' the future

Ron Louchs, Weis Builders Incorporated of San Diego construction worker, uses a worm-drive circular saw to cut a sheet of plywood for one of the houses being renovated. The base housing renovation project involves the interior, exterior and landscaping of 165 base houses. The portion of the project already under construction is approximately 40 percent complete and scheduled to be finished by Aug. 16, 2003. The overall housing project is 25 percent complete and scheduled to be completed May 7, 2004.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

**Attending or volunteering at wing events such as the Mission Success Celebration May 16 can help improve esprit de corps.**

# 1st Sergeant's View

*(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)*

Esprit de corps, or team spirit, is enhanced by understanding our mission, our history, participating in squadron or wing activities, and recognizing we're part of the Air Force family, said Master Sgt. Mark Revel, 509th Bomb Wing and 509th Mission Support squadron first sergeant. Webster's dictionary defines esprit de corps as "a phrase used to denote the common spirit pervading the members of a body or association of persons. It implies sympathy, enthusiasm, devotion and jealous regard for the honor of the body as a whole." "What are you doing to increase the team spirit in your Squadron?" Revel asks. Revel said there are many things about the Air Force that improve team spirit such as speaking about the unique traits that come with serving in the Air Force with other squadron members. It can also come from volunteering or participating in special events such as helping with squadron events such as picnics, luncheons, farewell parties and fund raisers.

## What's happening

### Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

#### Top 3 offers scholarships

The Whiteman Top 3 is accepting applications now through June 30 to receive one of three \$300 scholarship grants. Drop off applications at the education center. For more details, call Senior Master Sgt. A.L. Berber 687-2050.

### Community

#### Basewide garage sale set

A basewide garage sale begins at 8 a.m. Saturday. The garage sale takes place in base housing for members who live on base, and in the Whiteman Elementary School parking lot for members who live off base.

#### Tobacco-cessation class set

The health and wellness center offers a series of one-hour tobacco cessation classes at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, 25 and July 2. To register, call 687-4194.

#### Soccer players wanted

Whiteman's varsity men's soccer team hosts tryouts for

the 2003 season 5-7 p.m. Monday through Friday at the base lake soccer fields. Sign up at the fitness center. For more details, call Staff Sgt. Richard Thorpe at 687-4316.

#### Playgroup schedules events

The Mom's, Pop's & Tot's playgroup meets 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays at the Missouri Army National Guard Armory. June events include:

- ✓ Crafts, dads and dogs June 12
- ✓ Free play June 19

For more details, call Chelley Plowman at 687-4342.

#### Children's group meetings set

The Parents of Pre-Toddlers group meets at 1 p.m. Mondays at the community center. Parents of children newborns to 18 months old as well as expectant parents are welcome. For more details, call Lisa Williamson at 660-422-8367.

#### Volunteers needed for luncheon

Volunteers are needed for Operation Air Force Luncheons with Air Force Academy cadets beginning at 11:30 a.m. June 18, July 8 and 29. Volunteers will be part of a seminar with the cadets and will give their view on the professional NCO. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Sam Stoecklin at 687-5127.

#### Knob Noster aldermen meet

Knob Noster's board of aldermen meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the basement of

city hall. At the June 17 meeting, attendants will discuss funding the salary of the school resource officer position which was cut due from the state budget. Attend this meeting to voice your opinion regarding this issue. For more information, call Lt. Col. Les Martin at 687-5177.

#### Music and culture festival scheduled

The third annual Blind Boone Music and Culture Festival begins June 14 at the corner of West Gay and North Main Streets. The free festival offers musical entertainment beginning 9 a.m. and will feature gospel, classical, ragtime, blues, jazz, folk, old time and blue grass music. Events include art demonstrations, a book fair featuring local writers, carriage rides, a historic walking tour and more. The Johnson Historical Society will perform a play about Blind Boone. Food and souvenir booths will also be at the festival. For more details, call Sandy Irle at 660-747-3268.

### Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

#### Pre-retirement briefing set

A transition assistance program for people retiring from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. The military personnel flight separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing.





Courtesy photo

## Bombers compete at nationals

Jeff Martin, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, returns a shot during pool play at the USA Volleyball National Tournament. Whiteman's varsity volleyball team took on the best the country has to offer May 25-28 at the tournament in Minneapolis. The squad finished 73rd among 178 teams in the A division skill level. The team was eliminated in the first round 18-25, 25-22 and 15-9 by the Wisconsin-based Macho Nachos.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

## Stretching out

Dave Sowders, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, uses the stretching station at the fitness center. The fitness center hours are 4:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 4:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Fridays, and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

## Perfect form

Samantha Wielert, daughter of James Wielert, 509th Security Forces Squadron, practices her serve during open gym at the fitness center.

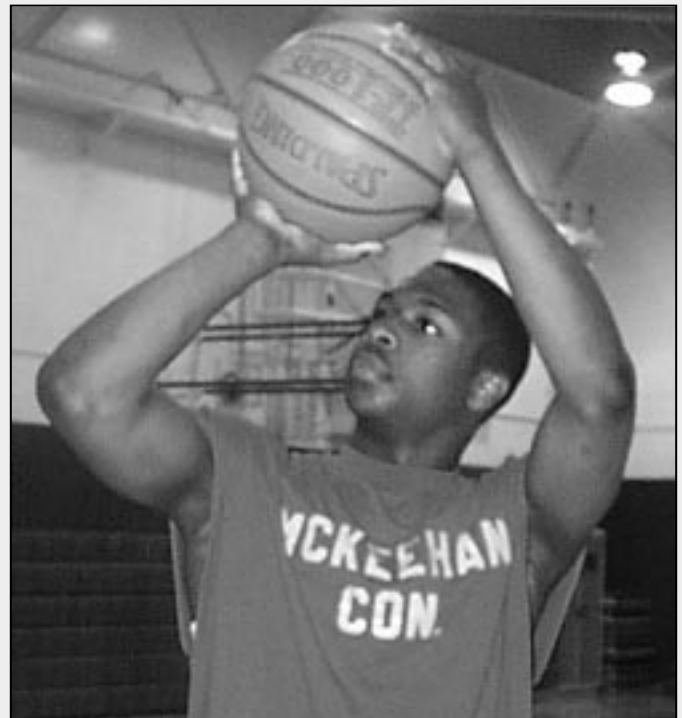


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## Sure shot

Anthony Evans, 509th Maintenance Squadron, puts up a shot at the fitness center. Lunch hour basketball takes place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays. Open gym basketball is available during regular fitness center hours.





Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

## Ergo enthusiasts

Health and wellness center staff members Paul Gray, Tech. Sgt. Monica Botch, Staff Sgt. Larry Billings, Maj. Glenda Mitchell, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, pose with "beat the boss" contest winners Capt. Kristin Goodwin, 325th Bomb Squadron, Capt. Ross Pease, 325th Bomb Squadron, Airman 1st Class Johnny Johnson 509th Security Forces Squadron, Maj. Jason Armagost, 509th Operations Support Squadron, Staff Sgt. Stacie Funk, 509th SFS and Senior Airman Suzanne Fiora, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron after receiving the Spirit of Fitness Award from Col. Doug Raaberg 509th Bomb Wing Commander. They received the award for being the top ergometry scorers for the first quarter of 2003. Each quarter, Raaberg presents the top three men and women with a certificate and incentive prizes as a part of his "Beat the Boss" ergo challenge.

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# SERVICES



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## Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

### Pool Hours Open Swim

1:15-6 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays  
Government ID card holders \$1.50, Guest \$2  
noon-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays  
Sundays active-duty members swim free

### Lap swim

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Pool is reserved for free lap swimming only

### Night Swim

6-8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Adults 18 and older swim - \$1 per person

### Pool parties

Sundays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays  
Sign up at the pool

### June rental special

Rent a paddle boat or safety equipment for \$7 a day, a 16-foot canoe for \$4 daily and a rinse-n-vac cleaner for \$10 a day.

## Rafting Adventure



Travel to Colorado Springs, Colo., for a getaway weekend July 18-20. This will be a 19-mile trip through the Royal Gorge on the Arkansas River. The \$125 fee includes rafting, transportation, dinner and lodging. Sign up by July 5. Call outdoor recreation for more information.

### Katy Trail bike ride

Ride the Katy Trail from McKittrick, Mo., to Augusta, Mo., 8 a.m.-7 p.m. June 21. The cost is \$7 and a free bike rental will be provided if needed. Sign up by June 19.

## Mission's End 687-4422

### HBO boxing

Gather friends and family to watch the welter weight championship match on plasma TVs at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the Lavene Lounge. This is a free event.

## Tickets & Travel 687-5643

### Starlight Theatre

Enjoy an evening at Starlight Theatre in Kansas City, Mo., for a performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 8:30 p.m. July 15. Cost is \$31 for plaza seating and \$14 for terrace seating. Sign up deadline is June 15. For more information call Tickets & Travel. Open 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon.

## Fitness Center 687-5496

### Triathlon

Athletes can participate in a triathlon that includes swimming 150 meters, a 10k bike ride and a 5k run at 9 a.m. June 22. There are individual open and team divisions for men and women. Team divisions must have a swimmer, biker and a runner and can be co-ed. Sign up by June 19. Sponsored in part by Fowler's Family Auto.\*

## Stars & Strikes 687-5114

### Steak and bowling special

Enjoy a steak dinner and bowling 6-9 p.m. Fridays. The \$10 cost includes steak, Texas toast, two games of bowling and rental shoes. The cost is \$8.50 for dinner only.

## Teen Center 687-5819

### Buffalo River canoe trip

Enjoy a TRAIL outing in Tyler Ben Park, Ark. Teens can learn how to camp, cook and canoe. Also meet with the Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., TRAIL group June 12-13. Sign up by June 10 to claim one of the 13 available spaces. The \$20 cost includes expenses. Parents must meet at 6 p.m. June 11 at the teen center for a parent meeting.

### Youth employment skills orientation

Ninth through 12th graders can attend an employment skills meeting 5-6 p.m. Tuesday at the teen center. Teens can learn job skills and earn \$4 per hour toward college tuition by volunteering at base organizations during the summer. Air Force sponsors or a person with power of attorney must attend the meeting with the teen.

### Royals vs Minnesota Twins

Watch a ball game 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 19 at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. The \$12 cost includes transportation. Sign up and fees are due by June 13. Bring money for snacks.

## Youth Center 687-5586

### Members only fun night

Kindergartners through fourth graders can play indoor games, and have the opportunity to do arts and crafts during a members-only fun night 6:30-9:30 p.m. today. The cost is \$5.

### Pre-teen scene hangout

Fifth through seventh graders can play games and hang out with friends 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

### Bowling for K-4 and Pre-Teen

Enjoy bowling 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 13. Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Bring money for snacks. There will be no open recreation or pre-teen night June 14.

### Snakes alive program

Connie Koch, community center director, will present a free program on Missouri snakes 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday at the youth center. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

## Community Center 687-5617

### Water balloon wars for mom and me

Prepare to be soaked in a free water balloon war at 2 p.m. Saturday on the community center lawn. Events include relays, balloon toss and a free-for-all balloon war. Refreshments will be served and a drawing for Big Surf water park tickets will be held. Sponsored in-part by Big Surf.\*

### I have a Whiteman hero

Students can write an essay on their Whiteman hero. Essays must be 100 words or less, and must have a 3x5 (or smaller) photo of the Whiteman hero. Judging takes place June 27. Prizes will be awarded in each category: elementary, middle and high school.

### Build a boat

Build a boat and race 6-8 p.m. today at the base pool. Cost is \$2. Each team must have a minimum of five participants. Win a trophy for fastest team, team spirit and best sinking. Chips and soda provided. Sponsored in part by Big Surf.\*



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## Skills Development Center 687-5691

### Accucut available

The skills development center offers an accucut for scrap-booking. Cropping is free with a paper purchase (same day only) or \$2 an hour without paper purchase.

### Stepping stone class

Learn how to create a garden stone using cement and glass 10 a.m.-noon June 11, 13 and 18. The cost is \$35 plus glass.

### Stained glass panel class

Pick a pattern, cut and grind glass, and use the foiling technique to create a stained glass panel 6-9 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$45 plus supplies.

### Summertime fun for kids

Kids can have fun this summer creating a stepping stone 2-4 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. Cost of \$20 includes kit.

### Frame class

Learn how to cut a single and double mat, assemble, cut glass and join a frame 6-9 p.m. Wednesday. Cost of \$40 includes supplies. Students must bring a 5x7 or smaller photo to frame.

## Royal Oaks 687-5572

### Ladies golf clinic

A free ladies golf clinic takes place 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Golf clubs and other equipment provided.

### Father's Day tournament

Treat your dad to a Father's Day golf tournament beginning with an 8 a.m. shotgun start Saturday. The cost is \$10 with greens fee and cart, extra. Sponsored in-part by Notch Inn & Suites\* and Speedway Chevrolet.\*

## Whiteman Base Theater

### Friday

### Bulletproof Monk PG-13 7 p.m.

Starring — Chow Yun-Fat & Seann William Scott  
For 60 years, a mysterious monk traversed the globe to protest an ancient scroll. Now, the monk must look for a new scroll keeper. Kar is an unlikely candidate, but when he saves the monk from capture, the two become partners in a scheme to save the world from the scroll's most avid pursuer.

### Saturday

### Holes PG 7 p.m.

Starring — Shia LaBeouf & Sigourney Weaver  
A teenager is sent to Camp Green Lake, a Texas detention camp, for a crime he didn't commit. There he and the other boys are forced by the warden to dig holes as part of a "character-building experience."

### Sunday

### Confidence R 5:30 p.m.

Starring — Edward Burns & Paul Giamatti  
What Jake doesn't know might get him killed. A swindling job stealing money orchestrated by Jake and his gang goes wrong. Jake knows it's only a matter of time before his number is called.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50

Movie recording line 687-5110.

Movies are subject to change due to availability.